# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:185
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2015
Channels under DTH Service
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of channels functioning under the Direct to Home (DTH) service in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase the number of channels under DTH and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is facing any difficulties increasing the number of channels;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE; MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS; AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 185 FOR ANSWER ON 11.12.2015

Prasar Bharati has informed that there are at present 64 slots for TV channels and 21 Radio channels in Doordarshan's free-to-air Direct-to-Home (DTH) service "DD Free Dish". The Ministry does not maintain the number of channels functioning under the private DTH services.

Hardware installation of DTH platform upto 112 TV Channels has been completed. Presently, there are 64 TV channels and steps have been taken to add 48 new channels. The capacity would further be increased to 250 TV Channels, as part of approved 12th Plan.

Prasar Bharati faced issues in implementing Conditional Access System (CAS), which is a part of upgraded system.

Prasar Bharati has decided to adopt the Indian Conditional Access System (Indian CAS) which is being finalized by Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY). In addition, Department of Space (DoS) has agreed in-principle to provide additional transponders on new GSAT 15 satellite required for upgradation to 250 TV channels.
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